

Fort Yates, N. D. Jan 24, 1891.

"Respectfully returned to Indian Agent, James McLaughlin, inviting attention to third endorsement hereon. The grave does not appear to have been disturbed.

W. F. Drum,

Lt. Col. 12th Infantry, Commanding Post."

From this it would appear that Sitting Bull was pretty effectually buried and that his body was intact. I returned to the Commissioner the reports with this last endorsement:

Fort Yates, N. D., Jan. 27, 1891

"Respectfully returned to the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs inviting attention to the endorsements of the acting Assistant Surgeon and the commanding officer at Fort Yates.

The body of Sitting Bull, together with the dead policemen was brought to the agency in the afternoon of Dec. 16th by the police (who were acting under the direction of the military) whence, after depositing the dead policemen, it (Sitting Bull's body) was taken at once by the police, without removal from the wagon in which it was brought from Grand River, to the post of Fort Yates and left there in charge of the military authorities in pursuance of the Division Commander's orders to the Commander before the arrest, directing the

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latter to secure the person of Sitting Bull. I saw Sitting Bull's remains upon arrival at the agency and was present on the afternoon of Dec. 17th, 1890, in the Military Cemetery and saw his grave, which had been partly filled with soil before I got there, and I feel confident that he was neither dissected nor scalped before burial and also quite confident that his grave has not been disturbed since.

James McLaughlin,  
U. S. Indian Agent."